

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computer system for assigning a monetary cost to a computer transaction, the method comprising:

identifying one or more ~~underlying~~ information technology services utilized to execute the computer transaction;

determining a monetary service providing cost associated with the one or more services utilized to execute the transaction, wherein determining the monetary service providing cost comprises,

identifying each resource utilized to provide the one or more services, and
assigning a portion of the monetary service providing cost of each resource to the computer transaction, and;

summing the monetary service providing cost for each resource to determine the monetary cost for the computer transaction in order to pass the monetary cost for the computer transaction to a user executing the computer transaction.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein equipment is a utilized resource and the monetary service providing cost includes an equipment cost and wherein the determining step includes calculating the equipment cost

as a percentage of an overall equipment cost for equipment utilized to execute the transaction.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein software is a utilized resource and the monetary service providing cost includes a software cost and wherein the determining step includes calculating the software cost as a percentage of an overall software cost for the equipment utilized to execute the transaction.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 4, wherein personnel is a utilized resource and the monetary service providing cost includes a personnel cost and wherein the determining step includes calculating the personnel cost as a percentage of an overall personnel cost for maintaining the software and the equipment utilized to execute the transaction.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein a facility is a utilized resource and the monetary service providing cost includes a facility cost and wherein the determining step includes calculating the facility cost as a percentage of an overall facility cost for supporting and housing the equipment and personnel utilized to execute the transaction.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining step includes determining a cost for a level of quality of the one or more services utilized to execute the transaction.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the step of determining a cost for the quality of the service includes determining a cost for the availability of the one or more services.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the availability cost includes an equipment cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the availability includes calculating the equipment cost as a percentage of an overall equipment cost for equipment utilized to provide the availability of the one or more services.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the availability cost includes a software cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the availability includes calculating the software cost as a percentage of an overall software cost for the equipment utilized to provide the availability of the one or more services.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the availability cost includes a personnel cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the availability includes calculating the personnel cost as a percentage of an overall personnel cost for maintaining the software and the equipment utilized to provide the availability of the one or more services.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the availability cost includes a facility cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the availability includes calculating the facility cost as a percentage of an overall facility cost for

supporting and housing the equipment and personnel utilized to provide the availability of the one or more services.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the step of determining a cost for the quality of the service includes determining a cost of the response time of the one or more services.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the response time cost includes an equipment cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the response time includes calculating the equipment cost as a percentage of an overall equipment cost for equipment utilized to provide the response time of the one or more services.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the response time cost includes a software cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the response time includes calculating the software cost as a percentage of an overall software cost for the equipment utilized to provide the response time of the one or more services.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 15, wherein the response time cost includes a personnel cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the response time includes calculating the personnel cost as a percentage of an overall personnel cost of maintaining the software and the equipment utilized to provide the response time of the one or more services.

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein the response time cost includes a facility cost and wherein the step of determining a cost for the response

time includes calculating the facility cost as a percentage of an overall facility cost for supporting and housing the equipment and personnel utilized to provide the response time of the one or more services.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining step includes determining a cost for a level of quality of the one or more services utilized to execute the transaction, the method further including the step of combining the monetary service providing cost and the quality cost to define the monetary computer transaction cost.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions ~~capable of~~ performing the steps recited in claim 1.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, an operating system, a memory, the computer system ~~being operable to perform~~ performing the steps recited in claim 1.

Claims 21 – 29 (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method in a computer system of executing a computer transaction, the method comprising:

requesting, by a user process, execution of a transaction;
receiving, by one or more service processes, the user process request;
executing, by the one or more service processes, the user process request; and
determining, by the one or more service processes, a monetary service provider cost associated with the execution of the transaction as a function of the services utilized

to execute the transaction, wherein determining the monetary service provider cost comprises identifying each resource utilized to provide the service and assigning a portion of the monetary service provider cost of each resource to the computer transaction in order to pass the monetary service provider cost to the user executing the computer transaction.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 30, wherein the determining step includes determining a quality cost of the one or more services associated with the execution of the transaction.

33. (Original) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein the step of determining a quality cost includes determining an availability cost and a response time cost.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions ~~capable of~~ performing the steps recited in 30.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, an operating system and a memory, the computer system ~~operable to perform~~ performing the steps recited in claim 30.

Claims 36-42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a fixed cost resource and attributing a portion of a total monetary service providing cost for the fixed cost resource to the computer transaction, and

identifying variable cost resources and determining a portion of the variable cost resources required to conduct the transaction; and

summing a monetary service providing cost for the fixed cost resource and a monetary service providing cost for the variable cost resource to determine the monetary cost for the computer transaction.

44. (Previously Presented) A system for assigning a monetary cost to a computer transaction requiring provider services, the system comprising:

a service identification component for identifying any services necessary for conducting the computer transaction;

a resource identification component for identifying resources utilized in providing each service; and

a cost assessment component for determining a monetary cost to a provider for each resource and determining the monetary cost for the computer transaction based on a total monetary service provider cost for each utilized resource.

45. (New) The system of claim 44, wherein the resources comprise utilized personnel, software, hardware, facilities and equipment costs that are percentages of an overall personnel, software, hardware, facilities and equipment costs.